

# Health Care Quality and Cost Council Support Plan



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# Overview

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- The work of the Quality and Cost Council will be supported by:
  - Council Coordinator
  - Executive Office of Health and Human Services
  - Division of Health Care Finance and Policy
  - Department of Public Health

# Council Coordinator

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- ❑ The Coordinator will work under the direction of the Council, and in collaboration with DHCFP, DPH, and EOHHS.
- ❑ The Coordinator will be responsible for:
  - Ensuring QCC consultation with entities as required under Chapter 305 of the Acts of 2008;
  - Overseeing the scheduling of Council and all committee meetings and developing agendas, materials, and minutes;
  - Preparing periodic updates for Council members;
  - Coordinating with the Council's Advisory Committee;
  - Communicating with the public regarding the Council's work;
  - Collaborating with assigned staff to prepare and produce the Council's annual report and annual website reporting plan; and
  - Collaborating with assigned staff to organize the Council's annual meeting.

# Website Management and Development

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- ❑ Under the Council's direction, the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy will assume responsibility for managing the website and supporting the Council's Transparency Committee.
- ❑ As the Council's website operations vendor, DHCFP has worked closely with the other vendors supporting the website
  - Maine Health Information Center (MHIC), Medullan, and Solomon McCown & Company
- ❑ Key DHCFP Staff: Assistant Commissioner Kate Nordahl; Chief Information Officer David Wessman; Linda Green, Health Policy Manager; Alan Woo, Data Quality Manager; and Chris Campeau, Information Technology
- ❑ **Next Steps**
  - Analytic vendor procurement underway – will develop 3 year strategic reporting plan, including technical specifications for proposed new measures

# Claims Collection

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- ❑ The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy will manage the MHIC claims data collection contract for the remainder of FY09
- ❑ Prior to staffing changes, Council staff asked DHCFP to develop a proposal to assume the claims data collection role beginning in FY10
  - DHCFP proposal presentation in early 2009
  - Builds upon DHCFP experience managing the electronic collection of administrative, clinical and claims data from providers and insurers and producing data files for analysis
  - Potential for long term savings and advantages in data quality management through closer coordination between claims data collection and data analysis/operations functions
- ❑ **Key DHCFP Staff:** Chief Information Officer David Wessman; Assistant Commissioner Kate Nordahl; Linda Green, Health Policy Manager; Alan Woo, Data Quality Manager; and Chris Campeau, Information Technology

# Roadmap to Cost Containment

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- ❑ The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy will support the Council's planned new Cost Containment Committee
- ❑ Logically aligns with and builds upon DHCFP's existing efforts
  - RAND "blueprint" of cost containment options for MA
  - Chapter 305 of the Acts of 2009 expanded the Division's responsibilities related to monitoring health care cost trends and developing recommendations for containing health care costs. The Division was also given broader authority to collect data not just from health providers, but also from payers, without limitation, to achieve these requirements.

# Coordinated Support for Other Committees

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## □ Governance Committee

- Secretary Bigby will work with Council Treasurer Beth Capstick and DHCFP fiscal staff to develop budget proposals.

## □ Patient Safety Committee

- DPH Lead: Paul Dreyer, Bureau Director of Health Care Safety and Quality
- DPH will coordinate and support the Council's Patient Safety Committee and ensure appropriate alignment with its responsibility and efforts in this area.
- DHCFP will continue convening its expert panel to select a whole system hospital mortality measure for public reporting on the Council's website.

## □ End-of-Life Committee

- DPH Lead: Andy Epstein, Special Assistant to the Commissioner (with Ruth Palombo from Elder Affairs)
- DPH will coordinate the work of the Council's committee with their recent legislative mandates relating to end of life care.

## □ Chronic Care Management Committee

- DPH Lead: Kristin Golden, Director of Policy and Planning
- DPH leads the Administration's *HealthyMass* task force charged with developing and implementing a comprehensive framework for preventing and managing chronic disease. This effort aligns with the Council's recommendation to create a statewide blueprint for chronic disease prevention and management.